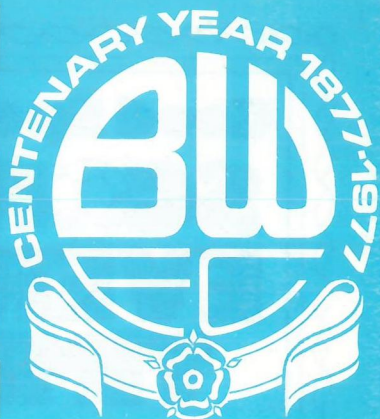


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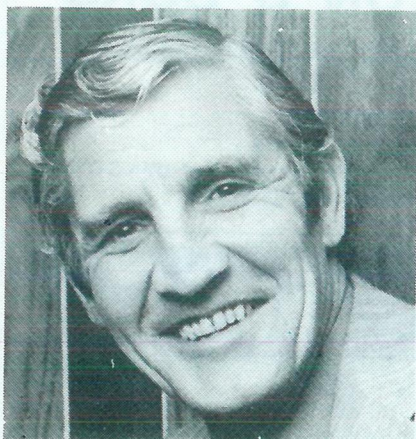
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We knew what had been going wrong and we managed to put it right and I was pleased with our performance in spite of the fact that we didn't win.

Ian Greaves

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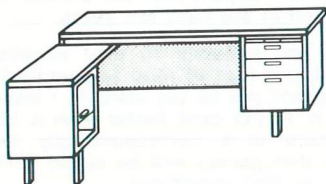
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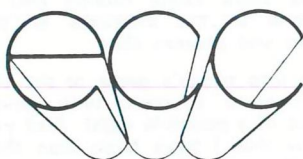
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JOHN PLATT — Ashton-born, aged 23, played regularly in the first team until injury. Signed as a boy from Ashton United. A player full of promise and of high calibre.

IAN WOOD — 28 years old, signed from Radcliffe F.C. 11 years ago and considered an outstanding capture. A firm favourite with the fans, he has just completed his testimonial year. Consistent play has made the right back position his own.

MAURICE WHITTLE — Signed from Blackburn Rovers as a wing-half in May, 1969, and successfully converted to full back. A lethal left shot has made him number one penalty taker having not missed from the spot in four seasons.

ALAN GROVES — Signed from Bournemouth four seasons ago for a fee of £10,000. Was previously with Shrewsbury and Southport. One of the most exciting and skilful players in the Second Division.

KEITH HICKS — A local boy who again came through the junior ranks. Aged 23 and is an established first-team player. Gained youth international honours in 1972. A player with a great future.

GRAHAM BELL — Another Oldham produced player whose father also played for Oldham for many years. Signed professional forms four years ago. One of the most exciting midfield players in the Second Division. A player who should go far in the game.

RON BLAIR — Signed from Coleraine as a boy, then left to join Rochdale. He came back to Oldham four years ago. An Irish international with great determination.

PAUL EDWARDS — Ex-Manchester United and England Under-23 international signed by Athletic, after a loan period, for £12,000. Strong and commanding at the back, with a flair for notching goals.

DAVID HOLT — Signed from Bury for £22,000 in November, 1974. One of the best young central defenders about, at 24 years of age a bargain buy for Oldham.

LES CHAPMAN — In his second spell with 'Latics. Signed from Huddersfield as part of the exchange deal involving Colin Garwood. Began his career as a winger, now a tireless midfield player.

VIC HALOM — Aged 28, signed from Sunderland in the close season of '76 and in the 1976-77 season was Oldham's top scorer. A strong player who has the ability to destroy defences both in the air and on the ground.

JOHN HURST — Started from school to Everton, where he was a consistent member of the Everton first team. Also had 12 England Under-23 international caps and was also with the England first-team squad on many occasions, but did not play for his full cap. A commanding player whose experience is invaluable in the Oldham defence.

CARL VALENTINE — Signed from Manchester schools. An outside left with great speed, skill and courage. In his first full season as a professional, he turned in some fine first-team performances, and should mature as a player to challenge Alan Groves for his first-team place.

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Today's Visitors

If manager Jimmy Frizzell's record at Boundray Park so far is any criterion, Oldham should be playing in the First Division next season! Mr. Frizzell lifted the Latics out of the Fourth Division in 1971, hoisting them into the Second three years later. Now this ambitious manager is itching for another step up the ladder.

Oldham were hovering on the fringe of the promotion race at one stage last season though they did not quite possess the all-round strength and ability to match the leaders.

During the summer Mr. Frizzell sold striker Ian Robins to Bury for £26,000 but quickly re-invested £10,000 of that in Everton's midfield player, or defender, Mike Bernard.

Bernard made an unfortunate start to his Boundary Park career by injuring himself in training and he did not recover in time to play in any of the club's pre-season Anglo-Scottish Cup ties.

The manager was hoping to pull off one major signing — a striker to play up front with Vic Halom, last season's top scorer with 22 goals.

With forward Dave Irving missing the opening games because of his U.S. commitment, this need was urgent. There was also the possibility that Irving would be on the move to Reading when he did return.

Another Oldham player away in the U.S. was left-back Maurice Whittle so the back four for the early games was comprised of Ian Wood, Paul Edwards, John Hurst and David Holt.

Newcomer Bernard, was also originally a left-back until switching to a midfield role with Everton while another contender for one of the central back four positions is Keith Hicks, a regular for the past five seasons.

Chris Ogden, who regained his place following the unfortunate injury to Jimmy Platt last season, will almost certainly be their goalkeeper.

Oldham are fortunate to have several very versatile players on their books. One such is Ronnie Blair, a Northern Ireland international, who was originally a midfield player but who can now turn in outstanding performances at centre-back and left-back.

Graham Bell and Les Chapman have been operating two of the midfield positions for the past couple of seasons.

Oldham adopted virtually a 4-2-4 formation early on with Carl Valentine and Alan Groves playing on the wings and Vic Halom and Alan Young in the middle.

Young is still trying to establish himself as a regular member of the attack and he could be disappointed again if a new striker has been signed or if David Shaw has recovered from a pre-season injury.

Some excellent home performances enabled Oldham to keep in reasonable touch with the promotion race last season though a rather disastrous close, when they won only twice in 16 games, saw them finish in the lower half of the table.

It was during that bleak spell that Oldham came to Burnden Park where we beat them 3-0 with goals from Steve Taylor, Sam Allardyce and Neil Whatmore.

- The Latics will need considerable more consistency if they are to make a bigger impact this season. Though Oldham are not generally considered as serious promotion contenders this season, it may be as well to suspend judgment for a few weeks. They certainly made a great start, picking up five points from their first three games.

Jimmy Frizzell is a mighty determined character who can lift his players when there's a prize in sight. If he does make it to Division One with Oldham, he will go down as only the third manager to take a club from the Fourth to the First Division. Dave Bowen (Northampton) and Alan Ashman (Carlisle) were the others.

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CENTRAL LEAGUE:—

SATURDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER

RESERVES

v

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CENTRAL LEAGUE

SATURDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER

RESERVES

v

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SECOND DIVISION:—

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Blackpool	4	1	1	0	4	2	1	0	1	5	4	5	
Blackburn	4	1	1	0	3	0	0	2	0	1	1	5	
Brighton	3	1	0	0	3	2	1	1	0	3	2	5	
Hull	4	1	1	0	3	0	1	0	1	1	2	5	
Oldham	4	2	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	4	6	5	
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Stoke	4	2	0	0	3	1	0	1	1	1	2	5	
Luton	3	2	0	0	8	1	0	0	1	0	1	4	
Sunderland	4	1	1	0	4	1	0	1	1	1	4	4	
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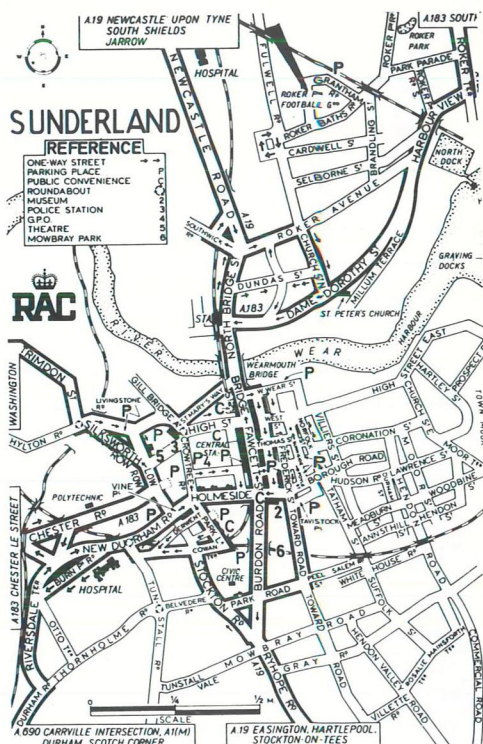
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" 23 MILLWALL	2-1	14,874	1		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2				Whatmore, Allardyce
" 27 SHEFF. UTD	2-1	16,840	1		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2				Red, Whatmore
" 30 LINCOLN CITY LC2	1-0	11,467	1		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2				Waldron
Sept. 3 Hull City	0-0	10,106	1		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2				
" 10 OLDHAM																			
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Sept.	3—SHEFFIELD UTD.	4	0	2
..	10—Nottingham F.			
..	13—LIVERPOOL			
..	17—WEST BROM. A.			
..	24—ASTON VILLA			
Oct.	1—Stoke City			
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..	17—BURY			
..	26—Blackpool			
..	31—HUDDERSFIELD T.			
1978				
Jan.	2—Burnley			
..	14—EVERTON			
..	21—Sheffield Utd.			
Feb.	4—NOTTINGHAM F.			
..	11—West Brom. A.			
..	18—Aston Villa			
..	25—STOKE CITY			
Mar.	7—PRESTON N.E.			
..	11—Wolves			
..	18—Manchester City			
..	25—Bury			
..	27—BLACKPOOL			
Apr.	1—Coventry City			
..	4—SHEFFIELD WED.			
..	8—LEEDS UTD.			
..	15—Derby County			
..	22—BLACKBURN R.			
..	25—NEWCASTLE UTD.			
..	29—Manchester Utd.			

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S—Notts Co. v Cardiff
T—Southampton v Burnley
U—Stoke v Sheff United
V—Spurs v Fulham
W—
X—Walsall v Bury

WANDERERS

Shirts: White

Shorts: Blue

1. McDONAGH, Jim
2. RITSON, John
3. DUNNE, Tony
4. WALDRON, Alan
5. WALSH, Mike
6. ALLARDYCE, Sam
7. MORGAN, Willie
8. WHATMORE, Neil
9. TRAIN, Ray
10. REID, Peter
11. JONES, Garry

Sub.:

OLDHAM ATH.

Shirts: Tangerine

Shorts: Blue

1. OGDEN, Chris
2. HOOLIKIN, Gary
3. HOLT, David
4. BELL, Graham
5. EDWARDS, Paul
6. HURST, John
7. VALENTINE, Carl
8. BLAIR, Ronnie
9. HALOM, Vic
10. CHAPMAN, Les
11. GROVES, Alan

Sub.:

Referee:

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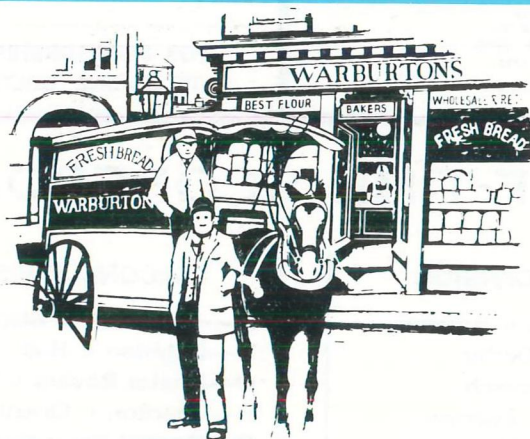
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